

## THEY STOLE SILK.

A Trio of Youthful Professional Shoplifters Work Helena and are Captured.

They are Arrested in a Jewelry Store While Attempting to Steal a Gold Watch.

The Places That Were Victimized and How the Thieves Successfully Carried on the Bold Work.

A bold trio of professional shoplifters were arrested in this city yesterday. They are James Robertson, S. E. Watts and D. E. Blacker, the latter is only suspected of being one of the trio. The first two mentioned are not more than 34 years of age, and well dressed. Their accomplice is a boy, probably 16 years old. Their arrest was due to Mrs. Selma A. Ireland, a milliner at No. 19 Warren street. This lady had purchased of the young men yesterday morning forty-two yards of silk for \$21. The silk was worth \$1.50 per yard. She happened to be doing some shopping at Raleigh & Clarke's store about 11 o'clock, and while there heard that a bolt of silk had been stolen. A sample of the stolen fabric being shown her, she recognized it to be the same pattern she had purchased and so informed the clerk. Upon leaving the store she noticed two persons entering Jacquemin's jewelry store, immediately opposite Raleigh & Clarke's, and recognized them as the persons from whom she purchased the silk. Officer Lipincott was ordered to arrest them. As there were two, he called upon Officer L. A. Reau to assist him. The thieves were examining some gold watches, and undoubtedly it was their purpose to nip a valuable time piece. Their protestations that the officers must have been mistaken availed nothing, as Mrs. Ireland was present and identified them. They were escorted to jail, and on being searched several samples of silk were found.

James Robertson says he came from Indianapolis. Watts is from Smithville, Texas, a registered letter receipt found on him showing that he sent a letter Friday to his sister to that address. The police are not certain yet if the boy they have arrested is the right one.

At Raleigh & Clarke's they entered about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, as soon as the place was opened. The boy inquired of W. R. Smith, a clerk, for some domestic, while the others remained near door. The domestic department is in the rear of the store. While the boy was engaging the attention of the clerk the junior put in appearance, but he was detained in conversation at the farther end of the store by another of the young men, while the third man, who had early picked up a bolt of green grain silk containing sixty yards. The silks are kept at the front end of the store within a few feet of the entrance.

All the dry goods stores of the city were visited. At Brunell's a bolt of rhabine silk containing fifty or sixty yards was stolen. This place was visited by the shoplifters Friday evening about 6:30. Here the boy asked for handkerchiefs. The only persons present were a clerk and the bookkeeper. The latter was not within view of the thieves who remained near the door, and it was an easy matter at this time to nip the silk and walk off. The loss was not known until to-day, when a sample of the goods was shown.

The New York dry goods store was the first place where the shoplifters attempted, as far as is known, to be arrested. The trio visited this place early Friday morning. As usual, the boy was the first purchaser. He asked for some soap. As in the other places an article that is kept in the rear end of the store is asked for, which goes to the rear end of the store was thoroughly surveyed before the work was begun. Here two clerks were at the door. The boy occupied about half an hour's time in purchasing two spools of thread. He wanted to be assured he was purchasing a good article and asked numerous questions to take up the clerk's time. He was well trained. Meantime a second one of the thieves asked the other clerk to take him to the carpet department to show him some of his patterns. This department is in another part of the store, and the obliging clerk unrolled a large stock of carpets for the benefit of his customer. After reading as follows: Equitable, \$10,000,000; New York, \$10,000,000; Mutual, \$10,000,000; eight other New York companies, \$34,740,928; total, written by New York companies, \$457,040,223, or 69 per cent. of the whole.

The total amount of insurance in force in the twenty-nine companies was \$2,751,377,129. Equitable, \$549,216,129; Mutual, \$482,030,579; New York, \$419,888,885; eight other New York companies, \$244,449,449; total in the eleven New York companies, \$1,995,690,659, or 61 per cent. of the whole.

The total income of the twenty-nine companies amounted to \$147,024,431; of which the Equitable received \$28,938,974; Mutual, \$25,416,833; New York, \$24,871,174; eight other New York companies, \$95,594,944, or 65 per cent. of the whole.

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In the Herschfeld addition will be placed on the market this week for the first time. Beautiful ground. Six minutes' walk from the Northern Pacific depot. A rare chance for investors.

WALLACE & THORNBURG, Sole Agents.

**A Comparison.**  
We reproduce to-day from the New York Commercial Advertiser a summary of the report of the superintendent of insurance of New York state. A comparison of the results obtained by the different leading companies shows that the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York again surpasses all its competitors in surplus as well as in total assets in force, a fact which demonstrates forcibly the superiority of the Equitable as a life insurance institution.

**Notice.**  
Prof. F. M. Hanson, formerly of 317 State street, Chicago, Ill., comes well recommended to our city as a chiropodist of fifteen years' practice. He has taken rooms at the International hotel and until May 20th and will treat all diseases of the feet, corns extracted without pain. Hours from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Sunday 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

**Acres Property.**  
We have a few acres left of the ground adjoining Grand Avenue addition which we can sell at a bargain to close out the lots.

PORTER, MUTH & COX.

Take advantage of the great discount sale at the Bee Hive.

**Don't Forget Jack.**  
It will not be a grand opening to-day at Scott's Restaurant, but rather a reopening of this celebrated place. For the past week numerous artists and decorators have been busily engaged in generally fitting up and renovating. The dining room has been enlarged to double its former capacity and it now presents the appearance of one of the finest restaurants in the west.

Jack Scott says he is going to give a first-class dinner to-day—one of the best

ever given in the city—roast turkey, spring lamb, spring chicken; fish of all kinds; vegetables of all kinds; fruits of various kinds, strawberries, and, in fact, everything else that is good. Don't overlook Jack, to-day; if you do, you will miss a good meal.

You can find the largest and best selected stock of millinery and fancy goods, which are sold at strictly New York prices, at Fowles' Cash Store, 107 Broadway.

The great event of the season is the big discount sale at the Bee Hive.

Many new and novel goods just received at Fowles' Cash Store.

Great bargains in sailor blouses at H. Tonn's, Main street.

**The New Bridge.**  
A large force of men have been engaged this week in lowering the track of the Northern Pacific railroad at the foot of Main street, preparatory to commencing the work proper on the bridge which is to span the track at this place. The timber for the bridge have been ordered, and in a short time the bridge will be finished. Upon its completion it will be commenced on the new street railway running to the depot through the Grand Avenue and Flower Garden additions. Now is the time to invest in property in this portion of the city.

Messrs. Wallace & Thornburgh are sole agents for the Grand Avenue, Flower Garden and Herschfeld additions, which are to be benefited by these improvements. Call upon them. Rooms 1, 2 and 3, over First National bank.

The greatest bargains ever offered are to be seen at the Bee Hive.

**The Case Dismissed.**  
Belle Grass, a colored woman who weighs about 200 pounds, had Officer McKenzie arrested for assault and battery. The case came up before Judge Howey yesterday, and on motion of County Attorney Haller was dismissed because there was nothing in it.

**Fifty Houses.**  
We are now having built on the west side such a number of houses of every description that we can supply the wants of all. Houses also in other parts of the city.

PORTER, MUTH & COX.

What H. Tonn will offer you this week at his special sale: 24 doz. sun hats in all colors at 25c, 10 doz. sailor hats at 25c, 10 doz. children's lawn hats at 25c. Only 4 doz. tips in all colors at 75c per bunch.

If you want to make money easy attend the great discount sale to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Bee Hive.

Great bargains in fine embroideries this week at Fowles' Cash Store.

**Report of the Insurance Department of New York.**

The report of the superintendent of insurance of New York state, recently published, shows that the business of life insurance has been most active and prosperous in 1888. The following items taken from Superintendent Maxwell's report are not only of general interest, but must be a source of special gratification to citizens of New York city and state, as showing in a striking manner how important a part is played by the home companies.

Twenty-nine companies writing a regular life business report to the New York department of these eleven New York companies, and eighteen are from other states.

The total amount of the new business written in 1888 by the twenty-nine companies was \$331,731,701. Of this the New York companies wrote as follows: Equitable, \$152,025,235; New York, \$128,019,781; Mutual, \$103,346,034; eight other New York companies, \$34,740,928; total, written by New York companies, \$457,040,223, or 69 per cent. of the whole.

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Goods must be sold to make room at the Bee Hive, and the great discount sale of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will soon make the necessary room.

**District Court.**  
The following cases were disposed of yesterday by Judge Blake:

4513—F. L. Low vs. Martha A. Dow; order appointing David Bonnan referee withdrawn and Potter appointed.

4546—Gun Wah vs. Ella Bascom et al; demurrer overruled and default of defendants entered.

4507—Morris Weinstein vs. J. F. Brady; judgment by default for \$422.38 and costs.

4499—Second National bank vs. Carl Kleinschmidt; demurrer of debt overruled, and action applied to the estate of Carl Kleinschmidt as to Clark Porter.

**Many Investments**  
Made in the Grand Avenue, Flower Garden, Herschfeld and Richmond Hill additions have netted purchasers from 100 per cent. to 400 per cent. in four months. Some choice bargains in these additions.

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**New Townships Laid Out.**  
Seven township plats were filed in the Helena land office yesterday by Surveyor General Greene, and in thirty days will be thrown open to entry. They are all located in Ferguson county and are respectively: Township No. 11 north, range 16 east of the principal meridian; township No. 12 north, range No. 16 east; township No. 13 north, range No. 16 east; township No. 14 north, range No. 20 east; township No. 14 north, range No. 21 east; township No. 14 north, range No. 22 east; township No. 14 north, range No. 23 east.

Don't fail to visit the great discount sale at the Bee Hive, for three days only.

## REAL ESTATE REVIEW.

New Firms Springing Up and All Having an Active Trade.

Nothing new has developed in the real estate market during the week just ended. It is estimated that thirty new firms in this business have opened offices within the past two weeks. Everybody is well pleased with the result of their labors. It is the general belief among speculators in realty that two and three years hence property will command three times the figures it can be purchased for now. On the whole, property is said to be very cheap compared to what it is in other towns of less importance, Spokane Falls and Tacoma being cited as examples. Helena is the richest town in the world according to its population, and will command this position in the financial world for many years to come. It is estimated that at least \$3,000,000 lies in the vaults of the local banks, all of which is owned among the working classes. The activity in real estate is drawing a goodly portion of this fortune from the banks, the real estate men say, and they add that the amount of eastern capital invested this year in Helena is very insignificant, but a local servant girl who had saved \$1,000 began bargaining in real estate after a year's time she realized the amount up to \$10,000. It is stated on pretty good authority that another advance of 50 per cent. in the value of money out of the Bradfield, made under purchase yesterday, through Porter, Muth & Cox. He, together with Samuel Dwyer and others, of St. Louis, bought eighty acres in section 33, township 10 north, range 3 west, for \$10,000. The sellers were E. W. and G. D. Beattie, of this city. The deeds were filed for record yesterday.

F. S. Witherbee yesterday purchased the residence of W. J. Hunter in the Grand Avenue addition, paying therefor \$15,000. The week's recorded transfers aggregate about \$75,000.

The building actively continues; the Northern Pacific bridge at the foot of North Main street will be re-erected in the following its completion the street car line will be rapidly extended to the Flower Garden addition, where a suburban town of considerable proportions is rapidly being built up.

**YESTERDAY'S TRANSFERS.**  
Gliman, Riggs to George Danford; lot 14, block 10, East Helena, \$1,300.  
John C. Bullitt, Jr., trustee, to Helena Lumber company; block 10, Northern Pacific addition, \$3,000.  
John C. Bullitt, Jr., trustee, to Helena Lumber company; lot 50, block 4, Beattie addition, \$750.

**HELENA IN BRIEF.**  
G. W. Jackson, music dealer.  
Dinner from 12 to 5 at the Bon Ton.  
(Gasoline stove? Gasoline stove! At Sturrock & Brown.

James W. Barker, merchant tailor, No. 15 North Main street.  
Wood and iron mantels, tile and chandeliers, at Sturrock & Brown.

E. R. E. Carpenter's dental rooms, room 30, Pittsburg block. Take the elevator.  
Refrigerators, Refrigerators! Best and cheapest line in town at Sturrock & Brown.

Lawn mowers, lawn sprinklers, garden hose and ice cream freezers, at bedrock prices, at Sturrock & Brown.

Just received at M. Reine's strictly fresh butter for family use. Will receive fresh shipments every week from Sturrock & Brown's ranch.

Go west via the Montana Central and Manitoba railways, the new sleeping and dining car route to St. Paul and the east. Through trains leave Helena daily at 11:35 a. m.

"It's only a question of time," and a short time, too, as to when your rheumatism will yield to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Gift edge dressing never injures the finest shawl. A come polish beats the world for brilliancy, one shine wears a week. Sold at Fred Gamet's.

**Wanted Partner.**  
A good energetic man to take half interest in a good manufacturing business; will pay over \$3,000 per year. Eight hundred dollars cash required or time will be given with approved security. There is a small salary in connection with this. Will stand the very closest investigation.

THOMAS MAHAN, Room 10, Thompson Block, opposite Grand Central hotel.

**Try It.**  
Try our best patent flour, the best in the market, and Whittaker Star hams, at JOHN T. MURPHY & CO.'s.

Scarf is running the finest restaurant on Grand street that has ever been in Helena.

**Born.**  
KIFE—In Helena, May 11, to the wife of L. E. KIFE, a son.

**Died.**  
EAST—Ollie East, May 11, aged 11 years. Funeral at 2 p. m. from the residence, 1000 Brock street. Friends invited.

**A. O. U. W.**  
MEETS REGULARLY EVERY MONDAY evening at 7 o'clock at their hall over Parkers' drug store. Sejourning brethren cordially invited to attend.  
S. A. D. HAY, Recorder. W. M. ZASTROW, W. M.

**For half a block in**

**BOYCE ADDITION.**

It contains 14 lots each 30x150, thus making the lots cost \$65 each. This price is only in the event of the purchase of the half block. Lots, singly, are \$100 each.

No comment is required to demonstrate that this is an investment that will bring speedy and profitable returns.

Matheson & Steele,

129 1-2 North Main Street.

## WANT COLUMN.

The Cheapest and Best Medium By Which TO REACH THE MASSES.

Advertisements will be inserted in this column for those desiring Help, seeking Situations, having Houses or Rooms for Rent, Real Estate for Sale, or other announcements, at the rate of FIFTEEN CENTS per line per insertion.

VAN WART & McCABE, Room 13, Atlas Block.

\$4600 BUYS a tenement house. Rents for \$65. Terms easy.

\$3500 BUYS a new brick ten-room house on corner of 1st and 2nd streets.

\$5500 BUYS a brick house on Warren street.

\$2700 BUYS a brick house on Ninth avenue.

\$2350 BUYS a brick house on Eighth avenue.

\$3350 BUYS a seven-room brick house with bath room, cellar and out-houses, on Eleventh avenue. Terms easy.

BARGAINS in Herschfeld addition.

BARGAINS in Syndicate addition.

BARGAINS in Flowerme, Beattie, Block, Northern Pacific and Richmond Hill additions.

50 FEET on Madison avenue—a big bargain.

100 FEET corner Madison and Euclid street.

100 FEET in Broadwater addition, on Leslie avenue.

50 FEET, corner Warren and Tenth streets.

50 FEET in Valley View addition, very cheap.

VANWART & McCABE.

PORTER, MUTH & COX.

Sole Agents for Bradford, Brooke, Ames, Bellevue and Highland Park Additions. Call and See What We are Offering.

HOUSES of every description for sale.

TRACTS of five acres adjoining the University, in easy terms.

CHOICE lots in flower garden addition, in easy terms.

ACRE property a specialty.

LOTS near the Hot Springs hotel cheap.

WITHERBEE & HUNTER'S OFFERS.

\$3500 BUYS thirty feet on Main street, one block below Power building.

500 FEET in the Flower Garden addition, \$7 per foot. Easy terms.

CHOICE lots in the Flower Garden addition, \$7 per foot. Easy terms.

61 FEET on Helena avenue (corner), \$10 per foot.

16 ACRES near Northern Pacific addition, \$300 per acre. Is now being platted.

130 FEET on Helena avenue (corner), \$125 per foot.

90 FEET on Helena avenue (corner), \$30 per foot.

26 LOTS in Boyce addition for \$2,000.

1500 FEET in Flower Garden addition, choice lot at a bargain, this week only. Par- ticulars of making a good investment, with full returns, will be sent to look state and apply.

CHOICE corner on Hauser and Linden avenue (west side), \$25 per foot, one-half cash, balance to suit purchaser. Prettiest lot on the west side on the market to-day.

WITHERBEE & HUNTER, Real Estate Agents, Rooms 3, 4, and 5, Gold Block.

**For Sale.**

FOR SALE—On easy terms, six-room brick house, in perfect order. Call and bargain on rear of lot. Corner Dearborn avenue and Hauser street. Enquire of Dr. R. E. Carpenter, room 30, Pittsburg block. Take the elevator.

FOR SALE—Car load of fresh milk cows. Can be seen on Lyndale avenue, opposite hose house, Northern Pacific addition.

FOR SALE—A large new omnibus. Enquire at International hotel.

OLD papers for sale at this office.

FOR SALE—First class boarding house and restaurant at a bargain. This is a 30 room building and doing a flourishing business. Call for sale at this office. Address: Allicea brick and Berg, Great Falls.

SETTINGS of thoroughbred recombed brown Leghorn chickens for sale. Inquire at 1029 Fifth avenue.

FOR SALE—A few hundred thousand best building brick in the territory at Hill's brick yard, Clancy, Montana.

TO BE SOLD at auction for cash on Friday, May 12, at 2 o'clock, p. m., at Clancy, Montana, on complete Diamond Drilling outfit, little used, and in perfect order. For particulars and application apply to the undersigned at Clancy, Montana, where machine can be seen.

HOUSE and lots for sale. A brick house of eight rooms, corner of Rodney and Leslie streets. Take the elevator, and find adjoining same fronting on Bridge st., also lot fronting on Rodney at, and 12 feet deep. Opposite new residence of A. G. Clarke. R. P. STOUT, Agent, 1029 Broadway st.

WANTED—People to know that I am the only Scandinavian emigrant agent in the north-west. I sell tickets on all lines crossing the ocean. Office 100 Broadway street, room 1. A. F. Wernoe, agent.

**Situations Wanted.**  
Advertisements under this head will be inserted three times free of charge.

SITUATION—A lady, competent to take charge of boarding house or hotel, desires work, or would coo in private family. Would leave city. Call at 41 north Madison avenue.

WANTED—Employment. Newspaper work preferred. Address A, box 394, city post office.

WANTED—By a lady, position as chambermaid in hotel or as general housework. Address A. M. C., this office.

WANTED—By a young man, age 31, situation in any kind of business. Fair education, willing to begin at small salary, not afraid of work. Address E. K. 124 Edwards street.

WANTED—Situation in drug store. Can furnish references. K. Mitchell, box 963, Helena, Montana.

WANTED—By a young man of good habits, a position as delivery clerk or steamer Address G, postoffice box 361, city.

WANTED—Will pay \$25 out of first month's salary for a position as bookkeeper or any kind of office work. Address Arcade, this office.

WANTED—Situation by a young man, age 31, as clerk in a grocery or general store. Willing to work for small salary at first. Address 124 Edwards street.

SITUATION WANTED—Business men, look here! A well educated and steady young man of good habits, would like position. Have good knowledge of general business. Willing to commence at small salary, with chance to advance. No objection to going out of city. Can make a cash deposit of \$50. Address D. F. D., this office.

## For Rent—Dwellings, Business Places, Etc.

TO RENT—Two furnished houses in good location. Apply to F. F. Go-ham, 115 Center st.

FOR RENT—Two small brick stores, just finished, on Bridge street, near East street. Enquire of Dr. R. E. Carpenter, room 30, Pittsburg block. Take the elevator.

FOR RENT—Storerooms in Penn block, also storerooms and offices in Pittsburg block. Enquire of John W. Thompson, room 13, Pittsburg block.

**Rooms—Furnished and Unfurnished.**

FOR RENT—Elegantly furnished front room, 545 eighth avenue.

TWO NICELY furnished front rooms for rent, 18 north Rodney street.

FOR RENT—An elegant furnished front room, 14 north Rodney street.

FOR RENT—A suite of front rooms, well furnished, at High 4 avenue, near Porter date.

KITCHEN and dining room for rent. Address this office.

FOR RENT—One furnished room for two gentlemen. 215 Fifth avenue.

FOR RENT—A nicely furnished room. Enquire at 359 Third avenue.

THE PACIFIC or Lenox House—Steam heat, elegant rooms, \$5, 75, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. No respectable characters allowed.

HARVEY HOUSE, Grand street, new and elegantly furnished rooms, single or in suite. Enquire at 359 Third avenue.

**Situations Offered.**